

### MISCELLANEOUS READING

The Washington correspondent of the Pennsylvania Inquirer, writing to that paper from England, says:

"I owe England and the English people a debt of gratitude, which I must be allowed to take this opportunity to acknowledge. I have been the almost invariable custom of American travellers to complain of everything

English. Commencing with the custom-house officers at Liverpool or Southampton everything has gone wrong with them on the railroad, at the hotels, in the streets, and in short, through all their peregrinations and associations. I know of no reason why there should be an exception to the general rule, and yet I have found nothing to complain of or find fault with. From the moment I planted my foot on English soil, at the landing,

stage of Liverpool, until now that I am writing these lines, I have met with nothing but the extreme kindness, courtesy, and civility from all classes of English society, and my business has brought me in contact with all grades, from royalty down to the humblest mechanic. Were I to leave the country to-day, I should do so without a single unpleasant memory. I have come to the conclusion that if an American comes here, and main-

tains the character and dignity of a gentleman he will be sure to meet with corresponding treatment. But if, on the other hand, he puts on airs, and turns up his nose at everything he sees, he has no right to expect anything else than a natural resentment, and a Englishman knows how to exhibit this quite as well as any one else. England has sent to our shores, a large number of visitors, whose stigmatization as 'cockneys' but I am ver-

much afraid that we have also sent hither a corresponding class, who have not only done us no credit as a nation, but who have by their misrepresentation at home, aided in fostering certain national prejudices against the mother country, which are unjust to her and unworthy of us. To conclude this exordium, I love my native land with the devotion of a son, but I also love England, for she has served her cause as well as a second mother.

**A NEW AND DEADLY PROJECTILE**  
A gentleman of the name of Warry, a Royal Engineer, has invented a gun which throws that of Sir William Armstrong into the shade. The new gun, like its rival, is a breech-loader and rifled, and as long as it is supplied with ammunition, it will continue to pour forth a torrent of shot, shell, or case.

at the rate of one discharge every three seconds, or 1,200 round per hour. There is fitted to it, at the left side of the chamber, a lever of very simple construction, which by one movement, and almost at the same instant, seizes the cartridge, cuts it, applies the priming to the nipple, hermetically closes the breech, and fires the charge. In precision, it equals any gun that has yet been tried; and it has this great advantage over Sir William

Armstrong's, that, whereas his, being made of wrought-iron, is necessarily very expensive, Warry's invention can be applied to all the existing ordnance of whatever calibre, and at a comparatively trifling cost—a very important fact, considering that there are some 15,000 guns in the British navy. The Warry gun was tried on Monday at Chatham, with the terrific missile invented by Capt. Norton and charged with his "liquid fire." The re-

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"The Southern Farmer," at Petersburg, in their issue of November 27th, notes the best sample of tobacco at the Virginia State Society's Exhibition.

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